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Categorical Reclassification of Streams from Primary Contact Recreation to Secondary Contact Recreation

The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division (WDEQ/WQD) is gathering public comment on the reclassification of many streams in the state from primary contact recreation to secondary contact recreation. The reclassification is based on a categorical use attainability analysis (UAA) that identifies streams in the state that do not support primary contact recreation based on two main factors: insufficient stream flow to support primary contact recreational activities and distance from areas frequented by the public and/or children. A preliminary public comment period ended September 30, 2013, and a Response to Comments has been developed. The full text of the UAA and Response to Comments can be reviewed at: <http://deq.state.wy.us/wgd/watershed/surfacestandards/index.asp>. The primary and secondary contact recreation designations and the data sets used in development of the UAA are available in a web map that can be accessed at the following website: <http://159.238.120.99/uaa/index.html>.

Written comments on the proposed reclassifications can be addressed to: Lindsay Patterson, WDEQ/WQD, Herschler Building 4W, 122 West 25th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82002 or faxed to (307)777-5973 by the close of business **March 14, 2014**. Emailed comments will not be accepted. Questions should be directed to Lindsay Patterson at 307-777-7079 or Lindsay.Patterson@wyo.gov. Comments containing specific feedback regarding the recreational use of a stream should be accompanied by detailed information such as photos, landowner testimony, mean annual flow, user surveys and also include information to identify the location of the stream (i.e., stream name, latitude, longitude, stream ID number, etc.).

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